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IN STRIKING DISTANCE

Naval Force Will Be Placed Off the Isthmus.

CETTING IN READINESS

PUBLIC OPINION IN COLOMBIA CONDEMNS US.

Gen. Reyes Cables Bogota That Americans Prevented Landing of Himself and Party at Colon.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., November 25 .- Naval officers on this station expect that there will be, within the next few weeks, a formidable American naval force off the Isthmus of Panama and within easy striking distance of the Colombian coast.

The marine officers are especially expectant of orders to proceed to the isthmus, as, in the event of hostilities, the marines now on the isthmus would scarcely be sufficient to occupy the territory necessary to be guarded.

To Be Within Easy Reach. The north Atlantic squadron is expected

in these waters in about a week now, and it is stated that its regular winter evolutions in the Caribbean sea will be put forward by at least a month in order that it may be within easy reach of the scene of action in the event that Colombia should

The naval colliers now at this yard will immediately be prepared for sea. They will accompany the fleet, and after it has arrived in southern waters will make fre-quent trips between the isthmus and this The sailing of the Olympia for the south,

to join the squadron of which she is the flagship, will be followed by the dispatch

Preparing for a Long Voyage.

of other vessels from this station.

The vessels of the first torpedo flotilla, which sailed from this yard last week, to await in Hampton Roads the arrival of the Buffalo, which is to convoy them to Manila, are limbering up their machinery preparatory to starting on their long voy-

They have gone up the Chesapeake on a run to Barrei Island They will return in time to join the Buffalo. She is expected back with the joint army and navy board, which has been inspect-ing our southern outposts, in a few days. UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING.

Gen. Reyes Cables to Bogota That H Wasn't Permitted to Land.

BOGOTA, Columbia, Tuesday, November 24.-Gen. Reyes cabled to the Colombian government, Sunday, from Port Limon, Costa Rica, that he was unable to do anything regarding the canal with the Panama commission at the conference held Novemher 20 on board the French steamer Canada, off Colon. He added: "The Americans prevented us from land-

ing at Colon. Admiral Coghlan informed me that he had instructions from Washington to prevent Colombian troops from landing on the coasts of the isthmus." Colombian public opinion strongly con-demns the attitude of the government at

edly helps the secession movement in Pana-

PORTS ARE CLOSED.

Italian Steamer Venezuela Confirms Report From Colombia.

COLON, November 25, 10 a.m.-The Italian steamer Venezuela, which arrived here today from Savanilla, confirms the previous statements to the effect that Cartagena and Savanilla are closed to steamers going to or coming from Colon.

The Venezuela's agents at Savanilla represented that the Venezuela was not aware of the closing of the ports, and asked as a special favor that a Colon clearance be granted.

The authorities acquiesced, but said they could not do so again. The decree closing the ports of Cartagena and Savanilla origithe government of the depart ment of Bolivar. The protests of the foreign consuls and steamship agents are still

APPEAL TO FRANCE.

Colombia Will Protest Against Action of United States.

PARIS, November 25 .- The French foreign office has received notice from Colombia, through her representatives here, that she will submit a protest against the action of the United States in connection with Panama. No action favorable to Colombia will be taken by the French gov-

Senor Pasado, the Colombian consul here, in an interview today said that if the mismission of Gen. Reves to Washington fails to secure a settlement honorable to Colombia he is certain Colombia will strenuously Other members of the Colombian colony

defend her independence here say that Colombia intends to fight to the last extreme. One hundred thousand men, well armed and equipped, they assert, will be put in the field

PRINCE HENRY PRESENT.

Vessel That Commander Peary May Purchase Arrives at Kiel.

KIEL, November 25 .- The German antarotic exploring steamer Gauss, which Commander Peary, U. S. N., may possibly purchase for his north pole expedition, arrived here today.

Prince Henry of Prussia was among those present at the welcoming ceremonfes on board the vessel. The under secretary of Prof. Drygalski, leader of the expedition,

the interior greeted the members of the expedition in behalf of the government. gave a short description of the work ac complished, as already known.

CONFUSION AMONG SHIPPERS.

Panama's Representative at San Francisco Not Recognized.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 25.-Considerable confusion has been created among shippers by the fact that Ramon Arias Fe raud, who has been appointed to represent the new republic of Panama in this city. has not been recognized in his official

capacity by the collector of the port. The latter has not yet been instructed to

THE RUDIMENTS.

Physicians Say He Will Regain His It is Expected That House Committees Speech Within a Few

BERLIN, November 25.-Emperor William has changed his voice, modulating it so as to reduce the pressure on the vocal chords. He now speaks in a somewhat lower pitch, his utterances resonating against the cavities of the mouth.

He has not yet trained himself fully, and he may take the services of a teacher so that he can apply correctly the method taught in voice culture. His throat specialists have explained to him the theory of voice production, which he has practiced with considerable success.

Quits Old Way of Speaking.

The emperor, heretofore, has been using his larynx in the ordinary fashion, that is, expelling the air against the chords without counter pressure produced by a rebound from the resonating cavities. It will be possible, when the emperor's voice is trained completely, for him to speak easily, more clearly and longer without the slightest in-The chords will be able to carry quite as far or even further

Diseases May Be Obviated.

The emperor's advisers have accepted the theory of Dr. H. Holbrook Curtis, which has been made familiar to the German physicians by Prof. H. Krause, the throat specialist who attended the late Emperor Frederick. Prof. Krause believes that several throat diseases can be obviated and in some instances cured by using the voice scientifically. The official announcement that the em-

peror had begun a course of voice culture was contained in the following bulletin, signed by his physicians:

Will Get His Voice Back. "New Palace,

"POTSDAM, November 25, 1903. "The surgical wound on the left vocal chord has been scarred over since November 19. His majesty, the emperor and king, will still require careful use of his voice for a considerable time, until the scar becomes

sufficiently firm. "His majesty is now undergoing massage treatment of the larynx, along with voice exercises. His majesty probably will re-cover the entire use of his voice within a

STEAMSHIP CEDRIC.

Rumored Sinking Not Credited by Officials.

LIVERPOOL, November 25 .- A rumor this city on Sunday last been sunk in mid-ocean in collision with the Lamport-Holt steamship Titian.

As a careful investigation showed that the report could not be traced to any responsible source little heed was paid to it. The steamship Titian arrived in due course and on time off the Irish coast yesterday. She was reported at the head of Kinsale and gave no signal to indicate any important experience during her voyage. morning she arrived in the Mersey and is now going through the Manchester canal. to Manchester, her destination. Her owners, as well as the White Star steamship people, all ridicule the story of the rumoi ed

LIVERPOOL, November 25 .- The Lamport & Holt steamship people denounce the reported collision and sinking of the steamship Cedric as a pure invention of an irre-

NEW YORK, November 25 .- The White Star agents in this city report that they have no information of any mishap to the Cedric and she is expected to arrive here The Cedric sailed from Liverpool last Wednesday with 290 first-class, 160 second-class and 540 steerage passeng-

POLICE COURT JUDGES. Nominations Sent to the Senate by the

President. The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations:

To be judges of the Police Court of the District of Columbia-Ivory G. Kimball of the District of Columbia; Charles Fletcher Scott of the District of Columbia.

To be United States district judge-John C. Pollock of Kansas, for the district of Kansas. To be captains-First Lieutenant Henry

S. Wygant, 3d Infantry; First Lieutenant James M. Graham, 19th Infantry. To be an ensign-Midshipman George B

Landenberger. To be postmasters-Connecticut, James F. Holden, Forestville; Iowa, A. M. Henderson, Story City; Kansas, Albert M. Wasser, Girard; Kentucky, Charles E. Mann, Pembroke; Michigan, Hutson B. Colman, Kalamazoo; Montana, Daniel H. Ross, Missoula; New Hampshire, George A. Young, Concord; New Jersey, Lewis A. Waters, Madison; Ohio, Wilbur W. Templin, Calla; South Carolina, Simon Beckham, Harts-

ANOTHER FIGHT WITH MOROS. Dispatch From Col. Simpson Confirms

Press Reports. The War Department today received a dispatch from Colonel Simpson, acting commander of the division of the Philippines, confirming the press dispatches from Manila detailing another engagement between Gen. Leonard Wood's forces and the Moros of the Island of Jolo. The dispatch states that no more opposition is expected, and that the expedition is now at Jolo awaiting developments.

As furnishing an explanation of the small American losses in comparison with the heavy losses suffered by the Moros, General Wood states that all advantage was taken by the American forces, and that the superfority of weapons used by them was an important factor.

The dispatch of Colonel Simpson is as follows:

"Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood reports that he attacked and took, November 20, Moro osition in the mountains of Jolo, north of Taglibi. Destroyed Cottas. Martin Brennan, Troop A, 14th Cavalry, was killed; two privates wounded. Moros' loss known to e seventy killed; probably more. Probably no more opposition. Expedition now at Jolo awaiting developments. All advantage taken by our troops, superiority of weapons next, accounts for small losses."

Dined by Secretary Hay.

Secretary Hay entertained at dinner last light the president pro tem of the Senate. Mr. Frye, Speaker Cannon, members of

TAKES VOICE CULTURE HAS BEEN GIVEN UP HARMONY, SAYS DOELL

EMPEROR WILLIAM LEARNING ALL THOUGHT OF ADJOURNING THE EXTRA SESSION.

Will Be Announced Next

Week.

All thought of adjourning the extraordinary session seems now to have been abandoned. The House will meet Friday and will adjourn until the following Monday. It is expected that Speaker Cannon will announce the committees early next week and the House will go ahead with any business that may be brought before it. Until the Senate either passes the Cuban bill or rejects that measure no proposition to adjourn the extra session will be entertained by the House of Representatives This is the declared position of the leaders of that body today, and indicates no change in the position first taken by Speaker Cannon and his colleagues on this matter. As this fact has become understood by the leaders of the Senate, there is likely to be no effort made by that body to bring the extra session to an end until it lapses into

the regular session, December 7.

Speaker Cannon is making all possible speed in the organization of the House.
His work on the make-up of the committees of that body is progressing satisfactorily. Today he received the recommendations of Representative Williams, the democratic floor leader, for minority committee assignments, and this phase of the work was practically concluded at an extended conference with the minority leader and the Speaker. While Mr. Cannon will not make predictions as to the day he will announce the committees, these announce-

ments are looked for Monday.

With the committees appointed there need be no lack of work in the House. Several thousand bills have been introduced at the present session, and these will be available for committee consideration, and, when reported on, for the consideration of the The estimates from the various executive

departments of the government, while not officially available until the convening of the regular session, are being received un-officially, and the necessary preliminary work on them may be taken up.

In taking their stand against adjourning the extra session until the Cuban legislation is disposed of House leaders declare that they are simply emphasizing the purpose

for which the session was called, are acting in good faith and with no disposition to re-flect in any way upon the Senate. On the Senate side it is said that the agreement to fix a time for a vote insures the passage of the Cuban bill, but that not-withstanding that fact no proposition for a final adjournment of the extra session will emanate from the Senate. All such resolutions have heretofore originated in the House, and the Senate does not wish to

break that unwritten law. NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

that the White Star steamship Cedric had Mr. Wyndham Will Meet Him on His

Arrival at New York Saturday. Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the new British ambassador, who will arrive in New York Saturday, will be met at the steamer by Mr. Percy Wyndham, second secretary of embassy. Mr. Wyndham served under Sir Henry at Madrid, and is the only one of the present embassy staff who is intimately acquainted with the new ambassador. The ambassador expects to come upon arrival here after his presentation will be the pushing of the protest of the British bondholders against the hesitancy of the Panama government to assume a pro rata share of the Colombian debt.

EMBARGO ON COLON.

Cartagena's Action Does Not Affect American Vessels.

Several days ago Assistant Secretary Loomis cabled to United States Consul Malmros at Colon to inquire into the accuracy of the report that the port authorities at Cartagena had stopped trade with the isthmus. He has received in reply the following cablegram from Mr. Malmros, dated

"Steamboat agents here informed yesterday afternoon by letters via Port Limon of the closure of Cartagena to vessels to and from Colon. Not closed to other isthmian It is said at the State Department that as

there is no known American line of mer-chant vessels plying between Colon and Cartagena there is no occasion for this government to make an issue over this act of the Colombian authorities. The existing lines from Cartagena are under British French and German flags, and it is presum ed that their governments will look after their port interests.

FURNISHED WITH EQUIPMENT.

Requisition for Colorado's Militia Honored by War Department.

The War Department has honored the requisition of the governor of Colorado for 1,000 Krag-Jorgensen rifles and clothing supplies and other equipment for 1.000 men. These supplies were regularly issued under the provisions of the Dick bill for the arming and equipment of the organized militia of the states and territories. It is stated at the War Department that the state of Colorado is merely receiving the supplies to which she is entitled under the law, and that they are undoubtedly issued at this time for the reason that the Colorado militia has been ordered out by the gov-ernor for the purpose of preserving order in the districts affected by the labor strikes. All the supplies asked for are in stock, and will be delivered to the state direct relation to the visit of Maj. Gen.

ARE NOT IN DANGER.

Needless Apprehension as to American

troubles for the reason that no report has

yet been received from him on the subject.

Missionaries in Colombia. At the instance of the American Mission ary Society, which had become apprehensive for the safety of its agents in Colombia during possible disorders arising from the separation of Panama from the parent state, Assistant Secretary Loomis last Monday cabled to United States Minister Beaupre at Bogota an inquiry on that point. He has just received a reply from the minister stating that the missionaries are in no possible danger. The minister makes no reference to his own situation nor does he refer to the political developments in

The Cleveland and Denver.

The question of the disposition to be made of the cruisers Cleveland and Denver. which after being given a trial trip were found lacking in speed, according to the contract requirements, has been under consideration for some time by Secretary Moody, who has decided to recommend to

PLATT STILL LEADER

BOTH SIDES SATISFIED BY YES-TERDAY'S CONFERENCE.

of Party in Convention-Governor Interviewed.

NEW YORK, November 25 .- Governor B. B. Odell spent a few hours in this city to day on his return to Albany from Washington, where he conferred yesterday with President Roosevelt and Senator Thomas C. Platt about conditions in the republican party in this state.

Mr. Odell said that the conference had brought about harmony in place of the badly strained relations which had existed; that Senator Platt is still the leader of the party in the state, but that he himself would hereafter take a more active part in its management; that the restoration of cordial relations had been brought about by concessions on both sides and that further details of the conference "were not of interest to persons but to the party."

New York for Roosevelt. In regard to the vote of this state in the republican national convention, he said that ne had always expressed himself as believng that it would be given to President

ment about the result of the conference at Washington yesterday on the condition of affairs in this state," the governor was asked.

take the leadership from him."

When his attention was called to the reports from Washington that Platt had conceded everything and turned over the leadership to him, the governor smiled and

"Well, I would not put it so strongly. I this state than I have been."
"You have been pretty active all along,"

replied the governor. "but I will Governor Will Extend Activity. "Will your activity extend to New York

city politics?" was asked. at once to Washington, and his first work present. I think, however, that you will by next year."

"Are the reports true that Senator Platt is out of it altogeher?" "Senator Platt," the governor replied with great solemnity, "should be regarded as the state leader as long as he lives."

"I do not care to say anything further about the conference." he concluded, "except that it resulted in harmonizing mat-ters which were in a badly strained condition last week and that the result was at-tained by bending on both sides. We are all united now for the success of the party

Never Expressed Any Doubt.

republican national convention?" would be given to Roosevelt and I do no ike repeated questions on that point,"

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

found.

heart was greatly saddened by the loss. While workmen were excavating in the rear of the opera house in Tuscola Saturday they threw out in a shovelful of dirt a small object that glistened. It proved to be the very ring lost by the young bride so long ago.

It was a plain gold ring, having on the inside the engraved initials of Mr. Cannon and those of his wife. It was as perfect as when new and carefully preserved. It has been forwarded to Mr. Cannon at Wash-

The waste basket doubtless had been emptied in the alley and the betrothal ring sank in the mud.

EXPLOSION KILLED THREE.

Half a Score Others Were Injured, but Not Seriously. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Nevember 25 .-Word has reached here of a mine explosion at Century, near Philippi, W. Va., in which James Brown of Lonaconine this county, a member of the Odd Fellows' lodge here, and John Gyntur and Joe Bernesky, two Polanders, were killed. Eight or ten miners were brused, but none seriously. Many had not yet entered the mines, owing to the early hour, or the

TWO CEREMONIES USED.

casualtico would have been greater.

Marriage of Miss Scovel to Count Fabbricetti Today. FLORENCE, Italy, November 25.—The re-ligious marriage of Miss Cornelia Hoosevelt Scovel to Count Arture Fabbricetti took

place here today. The best man was Frederick Scovel and the bridesmaid was Miss Sartoria Grant Scovel, respectively the brother and sister-

Badly Strained Relations in New York Adjusted.

President Roosevelt Will Have Support

"Do you care to make any formal state-

"No, there is nothing I can say in that way," he replied. "We simply had a conference and arranged matters in a way satisfactory to both sides. Senator Platt is still the leader of the party in this state. There has never been any disposition to

Eminently Satisfactory.

may say, however, that the result of the conference was eminently satisfactory as far as I am concerned. I may add that, in future, I will be more active in politics in

be more active in future. You may draw any inference you please from that."

"Yes," was the reply. "I think the local republican organization can be improved. and I have my ideas about improving it. Just what they are I do not care to say at find the local organization in better shape

"How about the vote of this state in the

"I have never expressed any doubt that it

FOUND AFTER THIRTY YEARS. Engagement Ring of Wife of Speaker Joseph G. Cannon.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., November 25 .-peculiar incident happened at Tuscola, Ill., Saturday, when a ring lost thirty-one years ago by Mrs. Joseph G. Cannon was

Representative Cannon, now speaker of the House of Representatives, was a practicing attorney at Tuscola at the time. Shortly after his marriage to Miss Reed the latter was in her husband's office one day, when she accidentally dropped her engagement ring in the waste basket. It could not be found, and Mrs. Cannon's

Will Take Physical Examination for Promotion to Captaincy.

Commander Francis H. Delano, who was

in order to permit of his physical re-examination for promotion to the grade of cap-tain. He has already qualified mentally and professionally, but had been found physically deficient, and before his de-parture for Colon he had been ordered to report to the examining board at Wash-ington

HARMONY IN NEW YORK.

pelago Describing Conditions Before

General Wood's Arrival.

A strong picture of the conditions that

reau of the War Department. The letter

campaign now being waged in the Jole

My Dear Edwards: You asked me to let

you know something about the conditions

here, and I have waited to find out what

they really are before writing. You may

have noticed that I have been appointed

that the condition is one of peace so long

as the big Moro chiefs are allowed to have

tained in these islands so long as these conditions exist. Movable property is al-

constant turmoils, murders and enslave

"The policy heretofore enforced from Ma-

nila has been to permit this to go on in-

fluenced only by moral suasion; no one is

without an armed guard, and it is even

ed, on account of juramentados, one of

nel about four days ago with his arms.

ran through the barrack yard, slashed a soldler across the back and fell dead on

missary office, shot through five times by

a fusillade from our soldiers, which killed

also a trumpeter who was getting ready for

guard. This makes the sixth or seventh juramentado since last spring—one engi-

neer soldier was chopped up last spring by one of them after he had seven Colt's

.38 balls in him-he chopped off a leg and an arm at one stroke of his barong.

"All during the spring the garrison has practically been in a state of slege.
"When Capt. Elting's troop went out they surrounded it, brandishing their

barongs and spears, and he had to come

back because his orders were by no means to have a conflict. The Moros had

five horses, stolen from the government, and I got the last of them last week and

brought in the man who had had him for

this way peace has been kept heertofor

the past four months. You will see by

"Now the Moro province act contem-

plates changes—among others the abolishment of slavery, a very sore point

with them. It contemplates trials of of-fenders by district courts, and these htings will surely bring on conflicts in

the enforcement which cannot be avoided, and if this is to be an American Island

an American should be able to travel on

it without an armed escort after three

years' occupation, or an effort should be made to make it safe, and I think the

time is now here, in Gen. Wood's estima-

the United States and very little news percolates this far, and that little long

out of date. Spare a little of your valuable time and let me hear from you.

BRYAN EATS WITH CHOATE.

Distinguished Gathering at the Am-

bassador's Home.

LONDON, November 25.-Ambassador

Choate gave a luncheon to William Jen-

nings Bryan today. Among the distin-

guished persons invited to meet Mr. Bryan

were Premier Balfour, the Earl of Onslow,

Charles T. Ritchie, Sir Robert Giffen, Sir

Gilbert Parker, Moreton Frewen, Lord Den bigh, Lord Mount-Stephen and W. L

Countriey.

The luncheon was informal and no speeches were made. Mr. Bryan's powers as a story-teller quite delighted the English guests. Whether it was done on purpose or

otherwise, there was a touch of grim humor in the fact that Mr. Choate placed Mr. Bryan between Mr. Balfour and Mr. Ritchie, who had not met since the cabinet

"Sincerely youres,

"We are very much cut off from you in

JOLO, P. I., September 23, 1903.

MEN REPORT FOR WORK NEW POLICY IN JOLO COMPACT GIVES THEM BETTER WAS BOUND TO STIR UP THE WORKING HOURS. MOROS TO RESENTMENT.

group:

steal and enslave.

Strikers Will Be Taken Back Without | Letter From the Governor of the Archi-Prejudice-Status of Union Defined.

CHICAGO, November 25.-The Chicago

street car men's strike was brought to a exist in the Jolo group of the Philippine close today by the ratification by the men archipelago is contained in the following of a compact agreed upon by their leaders letter from the governor of that group to American methods of school teaching. After thirteen days of turmoil service on the various lines of the Chicago City Rail- is made public as an explanation of the way Company, cover.ng an area of fiftytwo square miles, was resumed. The strikers met in Federation Hall, which has been their headquarters, and the place was

crowded when President Buckley of the

local organization called the meeting to or-

Newspaper Men Excluded. The first act was to exclude newspaper governor of the Sulu archipelago, and I find men from the hall, and for nearly two hours thereafter the public was ignorant of the details of the proceed ngs. Sounds, indicatfrequent cheering, gave evidence that the terms arranged by the strike leaders were acceptable.

The first news from the hall was that the men by mactically an unanimous vote, had ing that speeches were being made, and

men, by practically an unanimous vote, had accepted the proposition to arbitrate the matter of wages, the scale to be based on wages paid in other cities. Soon after a second announcement proclaimed the acceptance of the whole compact.

Ordered to Report for Work. With this announcement came the statement that the union men had been ordered to report to the various barns ready to take

out cars immediately.

trainmen.

The agreement as ratified by the men and previously accepted by representatives of the company, provides for the settlement of the wage question by a board of arbitra-Their present wages are not to figure in the calculations, but instead the new scale

is to be based on the market value of the men's services. As the company claims to pay the best wages, the new arrangement, it is thought, may not result in an advance

in the pay of the employes. Better Working Hours. Clause II of the agreement provides for the betterment of working hours, the new

running schedule to be arranged by the

company in conference with a committee of

The company retains the right to run as many cars as are necessary at all times, "cndeavoring always," the agreement runs, "to make the work as agreeable to the as is consistent with the performance or its duty to the public."

The third and last clause provides that the strikers shall be taken back without

Status of the Union. Membership in the union shall not constitute proper cause for discharge from the company's employment. With this exception, the company retains the right to ploy, discharge or discipline its employes as it sees fit.

agreement was passed unanimously,

but not without careful consideration.

About two-thirds of the membership of the union was present. Some dissent was expressed in the dis-cussion by the cable men, but they raised when the vote was called for. no protest when the vote was called for. There was general satisfaction among the men, and the sentiment for peace as arranged by the officers was overwhelming.

COMMANDER DELANO HERE.

relieved by Commander G. A. Merriam of command of the training ship Dixle at Colon a few weeks ago, arrived in this city this morning and reported at the Navy
Department. He declines to discuss the
situation on the isthmus, contenting himself with the remark that the trouble was
all over when he got there with the marines on the Dixie, and that affairs continued quiet up to the time of his de-

Col. Clay Appointed.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

The proof that an article

deserves public confidence

is inviting public attention

to it-otherwise advertis-

ing. It's only the article of merit that can stand pub-

licity.

President in Close Touch With Situation in the Orient.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE

COL. SYMONS ORGANIZES A FORCE OF FIRE FIGHTERS.

Medical Men Ask Representation on Panama Canal Commission-Senator Kearns Presents Col. Young.

President Roosevelt, through Secretary Hay and the State Department, is keeping closely informed on the eastern situation. which is again looking warlike. The situation deeply concerns this country, the trade interests of which in Corea are considerable, and in Manchuria are stead ly growing. With Japan sending ships on secret missions and China threatening to resist the encroachments of Russia in Manchuria the outlook for peace is not so encouraging. Our representatives in the orient have been instructed to report fully and freely all information that will be of interest to this country. At the cabinet meeting yesterday the eastern situation was briefly discussed and Secretary Hay was at the White House again this morning on a mission relative to that subject. Should China become engaged with Russia Japan would be drawn in and a serious international complication

For Porto Rican Teachers.

Representative Cooper, chairman of the insular affairs committee of the House in the last Congress and probably his own successor as the head of the committee in the present Congress, conferred with the President today about a proposition to bring the school teachers of Porto Rico to the United States for several months next summer for tuition in some of the large normal schools of the country.

The superintendent of education of Porto

Rico some time ago recommended to the President that this be done, and the latter considers the idea an excellent one, promising fruitful results. He is in favor of a plan that will carry out the recommen-dation of the head of the educational system of the island. Mr. Cooper is likewise favorable to the proposition and will introduce at the regular session and place be-fore the House a bill that will authorize the War Department to use one or more of its transports in bringing several hundred of the teachers to the United States and returning them to their homes after they

generally favored. Private subscriptions were raised among educators and others for the payment of the expenses of the Cuban teachers when they were in this country, and this will be done for the Porto Ricans if the government will provide a method of transportation. President Roosevelt has often expressed

his delight with the progress of Porto Rico

This course was followed several years

ago in the case of Cuban school teachers,

and was so successful that its repetition

in the education of the children of the island, and has given high praise to the teachers who have so faithfully performed

their own way unreservedly-to rob and to Improvement Needed. "The sultan is a man of no power of his The employes of the White House and the policemen on duty in the building and grounds are to be organized into a miniature fire department to fight fire at any point in the home or offices of the Presiin a case, irrespective of who may be guilty, the full amount of the ability to dent. The organization and equipment of the outfit is to be undertaken by Coionel Symons, superintendent of public buildings pay, and if the victim refuses to pay he is enslaved. No peace or order can be maingrounds. Colonel Symons invited Chief Belt and Fire Marshal Bieber to thoroughly inspect the apparatus in the White House for combating fire, and these ways on the move without the desire of owner. Men say they will not work officials went over the building today making a most careful inspection of the and accumulate property which they will not be permited to enjoy, and there are

material. Some of the material is out of date and useless, while some is in good condition, and would prove effective in Chief Belt will make a report to Colonel Symons, submitting recommendations for the improvement of the equipment and the proper manner of organizing all the employes into a drilled corps for quick and successful work. Most of the employes are without knowledge of the apparatus and chemical appliances stored at different points in the building. They do not even know where these things are to be found, to say nothing of their uses. The purpose of Colonel Symons in the organization of the White House squad, in which the President will take deep interest, will be to drill the members in the use of the fighting apparatus and equipment and insure order and promptness in case of fire. Whatever additional equipment is needed will be sup-

plied by Colonel Symons when he has re-ceived the report of the fire chief of Wash-

Kansas Fight Settled. President Roosevelt today settled the fight over the Kansas judgeship by nominating John C. Pollock associate justice of the Kansas supreme court. The Kansas delegation has been unable to agree upon a man to recommend to the President, and he has settled the fight by selecting Judge Pollock, who has had the support of Senator Long, Representatives Campbell and Murdock and Cyrus Leland, who has reentered Kansas polítics. Senator Burton and the other members of the delegation divided their support among the various

candidates.

The nomination is a victory for Senator Long and Cyrus Leland over the opposite faction in Kansas politics. Judge Pollock's qualifications for the place have never been questioned, but the fight had begun to grow into factional shape, and the President cut that short by taking the responsibility upon himself after Attorney General Knox had recommended either Mr. Pollock or Chief Justice Johnson of the state supreme court. Cyrus Leland called at the White House a few days ago. He was at one time an immense power in Kansas politics, making and unmaking senators, representatives and governors, not to mention small fry. He was for thirty years the republican national committeeman from his state and his recommendation was powerful in all appoint ments. Six years ago he became pens.or agent at Topeka, the best-paying and easiest federal position in Kansas. Senator Burton finally triumphed and Leland was Burton finally triumphed and Leiling was removed, the place going to another man. Leland immediately became active again and is now said to be once more a dom nant factor in political affairs in his state.

When the appointment went to the Senate today it was we thout the knowledge of Senate love are any of the Kanses con-Senator Long or any of the Kansas congressmen. The delegation had j st held a meeting, without coming to an agreement, and had adjourned to meet Friday to make further efforts, when the nomination was

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